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NEWS RELEASE

Reedy River Nighttime Concert Series celebrates 13th Year

A great mix of local and national musical talent will perform at this year's Reedy River Nighttime Concert Series in downtown Greenville, presented by *The Greenville News* and the city of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department.

The series, now in its 13th year, offers free concerts every Wednesday evening in June, July and August. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy music at the Peace Center Outdoor Amphitheater beside the Reedy River. Performers play from 7 pm to 9 pm. The performances draw about 500 people downtown each week.

"The concert series has become a real fixture in the community," city special events director Angela Prosser said. "It's a chance for families and friends to get together and enjoy music in a beautiful outdoor setting."

Opening this year's series on June 4 will be *Gigi Dover*, a North Carolina-based musician voted Charlotte's best female vocalist. Another act new to the series is folk performer *Greg Trooper*, who opened for John Prine this spring before completing a tour of Ireland. Also playing for the first time will be the eclectic folk trio *The DAM Combo*, and the rural alternative sounds of North Carolina's *Mama Said*.

The complete line-up includes.

- **June 4:** Gigi Dover, an alternative country vocalist from North Carolina.
- **June 11:** Cocktail Frank, a fixture on the local blues scene.
- **June 18:** Acoustic blues duo Michael King and Freddie Vanderford. King formerly led the blues band Jelly Roll Antennae, and Vanderford brings his talents as a harp player and blues vocalist.
- **June 25:** Acoustic rocker Jason Marcum. Formerly of Atlanta, Marcum has relocated to Greenville, with his second cd released last year.
- **July 2:** Jazz musician Monty Craig, who has performed at several Reedy River concerts.
- **July 9:** The DAM Combo, a folk trio from the Spartanburg area.
- **July 16:** Country rock favorite Urban Legends, led by Charles Hedgepath.
- **July 23:** Greenville-based Americana performer Jef Chandler.
- **July 30:** Songwriter Greg Trooper, whose blend of roots rock and folk has produced five compact discs. Performers such as Billy Bragg and Vince Gill have recorded Trooper's songs.
- **August 6:** Vocalist Jennifer Goree returns with her blend of electric-folk, blues and gospel.
- **August 13:** Tony Rackley blends country, bluegrass, folk and roots music to produce a unique form of Americana. He has just returned from Nashville with a new cd release, "Fields of Carolina."
- **August 20:** The North Carolina trio Mama Said mixes voices, styles and instruments to create a rural alternative sound – somewhere between country, folk, rock and bluegrass.
- **August 27:** Completing the series will be the tight-knit Greenville trio True Blues.

The event is co-sponsored by *The Greenville News* and the *City of Greenville Parks and Recreation* department. Picnic dinners are welcome, though tents and grills are prohibited. The concerts are held outdoors, at the amphitheater behind The Peace Center, in downtown Greenville.

For more information, contact the city of Greenville special events office at 467-6667.